PMGSY in Gujarat

*147. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are given to the States from the collection of cess levied on diesel;

(b) the amount of such collection from Gujarat during the last three years; year-wise;

(c) the amount of disbursement to that State from this fund during the same period, year-wise; and

(d) whether it is a fact that this disbursement is not based of tax collection from diesel consumed in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is funded through cess on High Speed Diesel and loan/credit from World Bank and Asian Development Bank. It has also been decided to open a separate window in NABARD, with a corpus of Rs. 4,000 crore during 2006-07, to augment the funding for PMGSY.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Finance, which monitors the accruals to the Central Road Fund, has reported that data on revenue realization is not collected and compiled State-wise. Normative allocation of diesel cess to Gujarat for PMGSY during 2000-01 to 2005-06 was Rs. 310 crore, against which a sum of Rs. 284.87 crore was released.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Employment opportunities

*148. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had targeted creation of around five crore employment opportunities during the Tenth Five Year Plan period.

(b) if so, the steps taken to achieve the target; and

(c) the target achieved so far, sector-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOURAND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir, The 10th Plan envisaged creation of around 3 crore employment opportunities in the normal growth process assuming